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1. The nationalized Bata plants at Zlin (P50/021) have agreed to supply the USSR with 4,500,000 pairs of shoes and rubber overshoes during the first half of 1948. Deliveries to the USSR during the second half of 1948 are to be even larger. No orders for military boots have been placed.
2. Certain sections of the Bata plants at Zlin are working exclusively on Russian orders and cannot be entered by persons from other parts of the plants. However, these sections are inspected frequently by Holy, Communist chief administrator at Bata.
3. During 1947 Bata delivered to Poland about 400,000 pairs of military boots modeled after German army boots. Deliveries to Poland during the first three months of 1948 will include 150,000 additional pairs of army boots and 950,000 pairs of civilian shoes and rubber overshoes. The price agreed on for army boots is \$5.60 a pair, to be credited to the Czechoslovak-Polish clearing account in Warsaw. Negotiations are also under way at present for the possible delivery to Poland of 550,000 additional pairs of army boots and 1,450,000 pairs of civilian shoes.

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